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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: STOESSEL PLENARY STATEMENT OF
SEPTEMBER 10.

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NUMBER SIX

1. FOLLOWING IS STOESSEL STATEMENT AT SECOND PLENARY MEETING
ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1975.

BEGIN TEXT:

AT OUR LAST MEETING, THE US SIDE SAID THAT IT WOULD SUBMIT
A DRAFT TEXT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AT AN EARLY DATE.

THE US DRAFT TEXT, COPIES OF WHICH I WILL PRESENT TO YOU
TODAY, IS THE RESULT OF LONG AND CAREFUL PREPARATION. WE HAVE
INCORPORATED THE EVOLVING VIEWS OF BOTH THE US AND SOVIET
SIDES. THE WORK OF THE EXPERTS IN ROUND III WAS PARTICULARLY
USEFUL IN ESTABLISHING THIS DRAFT.

THE DRAFT TEXT IS COMPRISED OF THREE PARTS: A TREATY TEXT
AND TWO PROTOCOLS. THE TREATY TEXT ESTABLISHES THE YIELD
LIMITATIONS ON PNES AND THE BASIC OBLIGATIONS OF THE TWO
PARTIES. THE PROTOCOLS ARE CONCERNED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
BASIC TREATY PROVISIONS. THE SCOPE OF THE DRAFT TREATY HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE HEADS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS.

I WILL SUMMARIZE BRIEFLY THE STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS OF THE
TREATY AND THE TWO PROTOCOLS, MENTIONING ONLY CERTAIN PRINCIPAL
PARTS.

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THE TREATY TEXT HAS A PREAMBLE AND 10 OPERATIVE ARTICLES.

ARTICLE III ESTABLISHES THE BASIC LIMITS OF 150 KILOTONS FOR INDIVIDUAL YIELD AND ONE MEGATON FOR AGGREGATE GROUP YIELD.

ARTICLE V ESTABLISHES THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE HOST PARTY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO SITES OF EXPLOSIONS AND FURNISH ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN PROTOCOLS I AND II.

ARTICLE VII STATES THAT EACH PARTY SHALL CONSULT AND COOPERATE WITH THE OTHER TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTIVES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY. FURTHERMORE, THIS ARTICLE STATES THAT THE PARTIES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS (#)

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AOOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

PROTOCOL I CONTAINS PROVISIONS WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SPECIFY THE INFORMATION, ACCESS, AND ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE HOST PARTY TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TERMS OF THE TREATY. SPECIFICALLY, PROTOCOL I CALLS FOR THE PROVISION BY THE HOST PARTY OF CERTAIN BASIC INFORMATION FOR ALL PLANNED PNE EVENTS WITH PROGRESSIVELY MORE DETAILED INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED FOR YIELDS CLOSER TO THE INDIVIDUAL YIELD LIMIT, IN LARGE PART TO SUPPORT THE DETERMINATION OF YIELDS BY TELESEISMIC MEANS. THIS INFORMATION IS SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT AGREED TO BY THE EXPERTS IN THE WORKING GROUPS DURING ROUND III. PROTOCOL I ALSO DESCRIBES THE RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE HOST PARTY FOR EXPLOSIONS GREATER THAN 100 KILOTONS AS WELL AS THE NECESSARY LOGISTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

PROTOCOL II PROVIDES THE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR CONDUCT OF GROUPS OF SUBSTANTIALLY SIMULTANEOUS EXPLOSIONS HAVING AGGREGATE YIELDS EXCEEDING 150 KILOTONS, INCLUDING RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL IN ADDITION TO THOSE SPECIFIED IN PROTOCOL I. SPECIFICALLY, PROTOCOL II DEALS WITH THE SEISMIC INSTRUMENTS AND OTHER ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN ASSOCIATION WITH SUCH GROUP EVENTS. IT ALSO DEFINES THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HOST PARTY AND DESIGNATED PERSONNEL IN THE INSTALLATION OF THESE INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT. PROTOCOL II ALSO PRESCRIBES A NUMBER OF GEOMETRICAL AND TIME CONSTRAINTS ON THE CONFIGURATION OF THE GROUP EVENT THAT ARE REQUIRED

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TO CARRY OUT THESE MEASUREMENTS.

IN PRESENTING THIS DRAFT TO YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, I ASSURE YOU THAT WE STAND READY TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE IN REGARD TO THIS DRAFT.

WE WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF OUR DRAFT IN ORDER TO HELP ASSURE THE EQUIVALENCE OF THE TWO TEXTS.

IT IS OUR HOPE, WHICH I KNOW YOU SHARE, TO MOVE QUICKLY

TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE TASK WHICH OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE SET
FOR US.
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